



**National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior**

Superintendent's Compendium
Of Designations, Closures, Permit
Requirements and Other Restrictions
Imposed Under Discretionary Authority.

**Gateway National
Recreation Area,
Jamaica Bay Unit**

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In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of the Jamaica Bay Unit of Gateway NRA. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

Written determinations, which explain the reasoning behind the Superintendent's use of discretionary authority, as required by Section 1.5(c), appear in this document identified by italicized print.

I. 36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES

(a)(1) The following visiting hours and public use limits are established for all or for the listed portions of the park, and the following closures are established for all or a portion of the park to all public use or to a certain use or activity:

Visiting Hours:

- All visitor centers within the Jamaica Bay Unit are closed for Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day (December 25) and New Years Day (January 1).
- Dusk is defined as 1/2 hour after sunset. Dawn is defined as 1/2 hour before sunrise.
- All Day Use Areas with the exception of Jacob Riis Park (see below) and the North Channel Bridge are closed from dusk to dawn daily, except by permit.
- Canarsie Pier is closed to motor vehicles, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m. (winter closure) 9:00 p.m.- 7:00 a.m. (summer closure).
- The visiting hours for the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Trails are from sunrise to sunset.
- Park Headquarters on Floyd Bennett Field (Building 69) is open daily from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. weekdays except for Federal Holidays, unless otherwise posted.
- The Ryan Visitor Center (public areas only) on Floyd Bennett Field is open daily from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
- The Fort Tilden Visitor Center (public areas only) is open daily from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
- The Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center (public areas only) is open daily from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
- Hangar B (public areas only) is open from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, unless otherwise posted.
- Jacob Riis Park is closed from 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., except by permit.
- Jacob Riis Parking Lot is closed from 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- Frank Charles Park is closed from dusk to dawn.
- Hamilton Beach Park is closed from dusk to dawn.
- Spring Creek is closed from dusk to dawn.

- Plumb Beach is closed to visitor use from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. (winter closure) and 9:00 p.m.- 7:00 a.m. (summer closure).
- Floyd Bennett Field open dawn to dusk with the exception of permitted and Aviator Sports and Recreation concession visitation in designated areas.
- Aviator Sports and Recreation Concession is open 24 hours daily, unless otherwise posted.

Public Use Limits:

- Pets are prohibited on all beaches from March 15 through September 15.
- Barbequing and campfires in designated areas only, (see exceptions in Part 2 Section 2.13 FIRES)
- Alcohol consumption is prohibited at Riis Beach, Plumb Beach, Breezy Point Tip and Fort Tilden Beach except at the official National Park Service concessions.
This alcohol policy is consistent with all surrounding New York City Beaches as per NYC Park Regulations.
- Alcohol is prohibited at organized events larger than 500 people except by Special Use Permit.
Gatherings of less than 500 are generally considered picnics.
- Glass bottles are prohibited throughout the Jamaica Bay Unit.
- No Commercial Filming will be permitted for Riis Park or the Breezy Point Tip from Memorial Day through Labor Day.
Commercial filming negatively impacts public visitation and the resource during peak season.
- Special Events with attendance of more than 5,500 people during peak summer season at Floyd Bennett Field, July 1 through September 7, are prohibited.
- Special Events with attendance of more than 2,000 people during peak summer season at Riis Park, July 1 through September 7, are prohibited.
- No more than one permit on any given day will be issued for organized Special Events in the Jamaica Bay Unit, during peak summer season, July 1 – September 7.
- No Special Event with attendance of more than 10,000 people from September 8 through June 30 per district will be permitted.
Special Event limits reflect carrying capacity, resource protection, and health and safety issues for staff and visitors.
- Golfing in non-designated areas prohibited.
Areas designated: Riis Park Pitch and Putt
Brooklyn Golf Center

Closures:

- All wetlands and marshes are closed to visitor access.
- All unoccupied buildings are closed to visitors.
- Access to all structures not designated as a “Visitor Contact Station” or “Visitor Center” is prohibited, unless authorized by the Superintendent or their representative.
- The primary dune systems within the Jamaica Bay Unit along the ocean and bay shorelines are closed to the public except at designated crossings.
- The following roads and areas are closed to motor vehicle use:
 - All roads in the Back Fort historic area in Fort Tilden.
 - Beach 169th Street, south of the “Do Not Enter” sign.
 - Riis Park Boardwalk.
 - Shore Road in Fort Tilden, from June 15 to September 15.
 - The Riis Landing Area is closed to all public use not directly associated with the ferry operation.
 - Vehicular access to the beach at the Breezy Point Tip is prohibited from March 15th through August 31st.
- Jacob Riis Park is closed to kite flying while lifeguards are on duty, in parking areas and within 500 feet of a posted shore bird nesting area, except by special use permit.
- Grassy lawns at Riis Park are off limits to picnicking.
- West Beach back dune and grassland area are closed to visitor use.

- The Maritime Forest and Pond Trails in the Back Fort of Fort Tilden is closed to bicycle riding.
- Roads leading to and areas immediately surrounding park housing are closed to visitor access, with the exception of Aviation Road pass through to permit only fishing areas.
- Floyd Bennett Field, Ranger Road, east of the Building #272 access road (Navy Pier area) is closed to visitor access.
- The main airport tarmac located behind the Ryan Visitor Center (FBF) is closed to motor vehicle traffic except by special use permit.
- The Runways 6/24, 11/19 and 12/30 are closed to motor vehicles.
- Floyd Bennett Field, Sewer Treatment Plant facilities are closed to visitor access, NPS personnel only.
- All Grassland Management Areas on Floyd Bennett Field are closed to visitor access.
- All maintenance areas (Hangars 1,2,3,4 complexes and Building 98 complex, Building 258, Motor Pool, Nike Missile Site, Buildings 101 and 1091b and all 200 buildings in Fort Tilden) are closed to visitor access. See attached map for areas closed to visitor access.
- Ecology Village is closed to public except by permit only.
- Jamaica Bay Riding Academy, Gateway Golf, Gateway Marina, and Aviator Sports Concessions are closed to visitors after normal business hours.
- Canarsie Pier is closed to commuter parking.
- The following roads and areas are closed to motor vehicle use:
 - All unpaved roads within the North Shore District (North Forty, Dead Horse Bay, Raptor Point Trail, and at campgrounds).
 - Flatbush Avenue Greenway.
- Visitor parking at the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge is permitted only in the Visitor Contact Station lot and at the North Channel Bridge parking lots.
- Visitors must stay on designated trails within the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, except within the garden areas and around the edge of the East Pond.
- All roads (paved and unpaved) within the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge are closed to motor vehicles except identified parking lots.
- The islands within Jamaica Bay are closed to the public beyond the mean high tide line, except scientists with research permits.
- Cross-Country Skiing is prohibited on the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Trails. The Runway System on Floyd Bennett Field, The Rockaway Gateway Greenway, North Forty and Dead Horse Bay trails are the only appropriate designated locations for Cross-Country skiing.
- Fishing is prohibited on lifeguard protected beaches when lifeguards are on duty. See Section 2.3 "Fishing."
- The following carrying capacities have been established by the park for the following areas in regards to motor vehicle access between July 1 and September 7 on an annual basis:
 - Jacob Riis Park 4500 vehicles
 - Floyd Bennett Field 3000 vehicles
 - Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge 76 vehicles
 - Fort Tilden 534 vehicles
 - Canarsie Pier 327 vehicles
 - North Channel Bridge 144 vehicles
 - Riis Landing 90 vehicles

Closures have been determined according to resource protection, operational capacity and visitor safety.

(a)(2) The following areas have been designated for a specific use or activity, under the conditions and/or restrictions as noted:

Off Road Area:

- The ocean side of the Breezy Point Tip is the only designated off-road route in the Unit. Vehicle permit required September 1 through March 14 to access beach. Beach closed to vehicles during the remainder of the year. Permit required at Tip sand parking lot all year.

Remote Control Model Areas:

- The Remote Control Flying Field on Floyd Bennett Field is the only designated area for operating a remote control model airplane. Appropriate A.M.A. Insurance is required.
- The Remote Control Car Race Pad on Floyd Bennett Field is the only designated area for operating remote control cars. Appropriate R.O.A.R. insurance is required on race days. Special Use Permit is required for organized race events.

Wind Powered Vehicle Area:

- The southern section of the open portion of Runway 19 is the designated Wind Powered Vehicle area. Special Use Permit is required.

Picnic Areas:

- Picnicking with out fire is permitted at picnic tables throughout Floyd Bennett Field, in open areas. See 1.5 (a) (1) "Closures" for closed areas. The Ecology Village Gazebo is available for special education programming only, the Floyd Bennett Community Garden area is open only to members of the community garden by agreement.
- Designated Barbeque Areas are located at Canarsie Pier and Fort Tilden, See 2.11 "Picnicking" for Designated Areas.

Bicycle Routes:

- Bicycle riding is permitted only on paved surfaces.

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Trails:

- The following activities are prohibited on trails and within garden areas within the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge at all times: specimen collecting, smoking, cycling, horseback riding, use of radios and other sound producing equipment, feeding wildlife, pets, picnicking and jogging.

(a)(3) The following restrictions, limits, closures, designations, conditions, or visiting hour restrictions imposed under § (a) (1) or (2) have been terminated.

II.36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT

(f) The following is a compilation of those activities for which a permit from the superintendent is required:

36CFR §1.5(d) Entering or remaining in the Park during hours of darkness

- Special Use Permits are required for activities during closed hours.
- Fishing Parking Permits are required from sunset to sunrise:
 - Permits are issued at the Ryan Visitor Center and Fort Tilden Visitor Center during hours of operation. Permits expire January 31 following the year of issuance. A \$50.00 "Administrative Fee" is required. The permit must be affixed to the vehicle. To apply for the permit one must be 18 years of age or older and present a valid drivers license and vehicle registration. Camping, sleeping in vehicles, tents or other shelters (including sleeping bags and bed rolls) is strictly prohibited. Fireworks, littering and unleashed pets are prohibited.

36CFR§2.4(d) Carry or possess a weapon, trap, or net

- Archery Permit: Permits required all year round for use of the archery range on Floyd Bennett Field. Permits expire January 31st following the year of issuance. A \$50.00 "Administrative Fee" is required. Archery range users may use field tip arrows only. The use of crossbows, broad head or judo points arrowheads are not permitted.

36CFR §2.5(a) Specimen collection (Taking of plant, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals.)

- Collecting conducted as designated within 36 CFR 2.1 (a) (4), "Preservation of Natural Features" (gathering firewood).
- Collecting conducted as designated within 36 CFR 2.1 (c) (1), "Preservation of Natural Features" (fruits, berries, nuts).
- Collecting conducted as designated within 36 CFR 2.2, "Wildlife Protection" (hunting).
- Collecting conducted as designated within 36 CFR 2.3, "Fishing" (fishing). Seining.

36CFR §2.10(a)the following camping activities:

- Public Camping Permits are only valid for specific dates on Floyd Bennett Field public Campgrounds. Public camping permits may take up to 7 days to process.
- Educational Group Camping Permits at Ecology Village in Floyd Bennett Field are available to educational groups who participate in Ecology Village Education Programs.

36CFR §2.12 Audio Disturbances:

- (a)(2) Operating a chain saw in developed areas
- (a)(3) Operation of any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in non-developed areas, except National Park Service machinery as needed for the appropriate maintenance of the sites.
- (a)(4) Operation of a public address system in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to §2.50 or §2.51.
- No amplification in the Jamaica Bay Unit, except by Special Use Permit within a 60 decibel limit.

36CFR §2.17 Aircraft & Air Delivery:

- (a)(3) Delivery or retrieval of a person or object by parachute, helicopter or other airborne means
- (c)(1) Removal of a downed aircraft
- Runways at Floyd Bennett Field may be opened to aircraft for educational or interpretive purposes, (Public Law 92-592)
- §2.23(b) The following special recreation activities (per 36 CFR Part 71):
 - Use of Parking Areas in following locations and at following times:
 - Off-road fishing permit required for the Breezy Point Tip beach and sandlot parking area all year round.

- Bay 3 Lot also known as Riis Park East lot: Year Round – Parking permit is required from dusk till dawn, from Memorial Day through Labor Day, parking permit is valid only from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.
 - Shore Road Fisherman's Lot, Yacht Club Lot: Permit required dusk to dawn year round. A permit is required at all times from June 15 through September 15
 - Adaptive Aquatics Parking: A permit is required dusk to dawn year round. From June 15 through September 15, permit is valid only from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. Area closed to vehicles during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m..
 - 222nd Street Fisherman's Lot: A permit is required dusk to dawn year round a permit is required at all times from March 15 through September 15
 - Floyd Bennett Field: A permit is required dusk to dawn year round, with the exception of concession visitation in designated areas.
 - Floyd Bennett Field Aviation Road Lot , A permit is required at all times
 - Floyd Bennett Field Archery Parallel Parking Area (on Ranger Road), a permit is required at all times.
 - Floyd Bennett Field Car top Boat Ramp Nose in Parking Area, Permit required at all times.
- §2.37 Soliciting or demanding gifts, money goods or services (Pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit issued under §2.50, §2.51 or §2.52)
- §2.38 Explosives:
 - (a) Use, possess, store, transport explosives, blasting agents
 - (b) Use or possess fireworks
- §2.50(a) Conduct a sports event, pageant, regatta, public spectator attraction, entertainment, ceremony, and similar events
 - See 36 CFR 1.5 (a)1 Public Use Limits
- §2.51(a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views
 - (e) flagpole due west of the Ryan Visitor Center at Floyd Bennett Field, 50' x 50' space
 - (f) flagpole at Riis Park, 50' x 50' space
 - (g) North east side of parking lot at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, 50' x 50 'space
 - (h) other areas in accordance with Special Use Permit
- §2.52(c) Sale or distribution of printer matter that is not solely commercial advertising
- §2.60(b) Livestock use
- §2.61(a) Residing on federal lands
- §2.62 Memorialization:
 - (a) Erection of monuments (Requires approval from Regional Director)
 - (b) Scattering ashes from human cremation
- §3.3 Use of a vessel
- §4.11(a) Exceeding of established vehicle load, weight and size limits
- §5.1 Advertisements - (Display, posting or distribution.)

- §5.3 Engaging in or soliciting any business (Requires a permit, contract or other written agreement with the United States, or must be pursuant to special regulations).
- §5.4(a) Commercial transportation of passengers by motor vehicles.
- §5.5 Commercial Photography/Filming:
 - (a) Motion pictures and television
 - (b) Still photography
- §5.6(c) Use of commercial vehicles on park area roads (The superintendent shall issue a permit to access private lands within or adjacent to the park when access is otherwise not available)
- §5.7 Construction of buildings, facilities, trails, roads, boat docks, path, structure, etc.
- §5.10(a) Operation of eating, drinking, or lodging establishments in certain park areas.
- §6.9(a) Operation of a solid waste disposal site

III. GENERAL REGULATIONS

36 CFR §2.1 – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

(a)(4) Dead wood on the ground may be collected for use as fuel for campfires within the park in the following areas:

- For personal use, from ocean and bay beaches below mean high water line only.
- In closed areas all wood gathering is prohibited.

(a)(5) The following conditions are in effect for walking, climbing, entering, ascending or traversing the listed archeological or cultural resource, monuments or statues:

- Exterior of Batteries, Bunkers, Magazines and Hangars, only.

(b) Hiking or pedestrian traffic is restricted to the trail or walkway as listed in Section 1.5 of this document.

(c)(1), (c) (2) The following fruits, nuts, berries or unoccupied seashells may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption, in accordance with the noted size, quantity, collection sites and/or use or consumption restrictions:

- Collection of edible fruits, nuts, berries and mushrooms, and bayberry berries is limited to one gallon container per person per day
- Collection of unoccupied seashells is permitted in all park areas except those that are designated closed in section 1.5

36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION

(d) The transporting of lawfully taken wildlife through the park is permitted under the following conditions and procedures:

- Hunting is prohibited within the Jamaica Bay Unit
- The taking of terrapin turtles and horseshoe crab are prohibited throughout the Jamaica Bay Unit.

(e) The following areas are closed to the viewing of wildlife with the use of an artificial light:

- In accordance with applicable New York State Law.

36 CFR §2.3 – FISHING

- Fishing is prohibited at Jacob Riis Park from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Memorial Day through Labor Day.
- Fishing is prohibited in non-tidal Unit waters, including but not limited to: Return a Gift pond on Floyd Bennett Field, Fort Tilden Pond, and the East, West and Big John's Pond in the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge.
- Fishing regulations shall be in accordance with the laws of the state within whose boundaries the park is located.
- Fishing is prohibited in closed areas see 36 CFR 1.5 "Closures."

(a) The following State fishing laws and/or regulations, as noted, apply throughout the park:

- NYS ECL Sec. 13-0343 (6) States: Hand nets not greater than forty feet in length and four feet in width may be used in the waters of Jamaica Bay including its adjacent creeks, inlets and basins for taking minnows and shrimp.
- NYS ECL Sec. 13-0309 (1) (a) states that shellfish may not be taken from uncertified waters.

Swimming beaches:

- Fishing is prohibited from swimming beaches except when lifeguards are off duty (From 8:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Public boat docks:

- Fishing is prohibited at Riis Landing, US Park Police Docks and at the Gateway Marina.

(e) Fishing in salt waters with net, spear or weapon, are authorized in the following areas only and in the following manner:

- From the beaches at Riis Park and from a boat within Jamaica Bay (spear fishing from onshore locations within Jamaica Bay is prohibited.)

36 CFR §2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS, AND NETS

(a)(2)(i) Weapons, traps, or nets may only be carried, possessed or used at the following designated times and locations:

- (d) - A permit is required to carry or possess a weapon, trap or net when conducting research activities and for employees, agents, or cooperating officials while in the performance of their official duties. *NOTE: Law enforcement officers see 36 CFR 2.4(e) permit not required while in the performance of official duties.
- (d)(4) - A permit is required for employees and residents of the Jamaica Bay Unit to carry or possess weapons, traps or nets while traveling through or residing in Unit areas. NOTE: Federal, State or Local law enforcement credentials will serve as a permit for traveling through Unit areas with weapons provided carrying or possession is in accordance with Federal, New York State and local laws.

36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING and FOOD STORAGE

(a) The sites and areas listed below have been designated for camping activities as noted. A permit system has been established for certain campgrounds or camping activities, and conditions for camping and camping activities are in effect as noted:

- (10)(a) - Camping is allowed by permit only. Camping is permitted only at designated campgrounds on Floyd Bennett Field or areas specifically identified in a Special Use Permit.
- A tent is defined as a non-permanent structure with the capability of being fully enclosed.
- The use of temporary shade structures, windscreens and tarps is permitted during daylight hours only at the following locations: Riis Park beach and picnic areas, Canarsie Pier picnic areas, Floyd Bennett Field by permit, Frank Charles Park picnic areas, and North Channel Bridge picnic areas. These structures cannot have the ability of being fully enclosed.

(b)(3) Camping within 25 feet of a fire hydrant or main road, or within 100 feet of a flowing stream, river or body of water is authorized only in the following areas, under the conditions noted:

- Camping only in Designated Campgrounds on Floyd Bennett Field, with valid permit.

(d) Conditions for the storage of food are in effect, as noted, for the following areas:

36 CFR §2.11 – PICNICKING

Certain areas have been closed to picnicking and are listed in section 1.5(a) (1) "Closures".

Conditions for Picnicking:

- Picnicking without fire is permitted on picnic tables located on Floyd Bennett Field
- Use of charcoal grills including gas grills and artificial coals is prohibited except by Special Use Permit.
- Designated picnic areas in Fort Tilden.
- At Canarsie Pier in designated picnic areas.
- North Channel Bridge lawn areas.
- Frank Charles Park lawn areas (excluding ball fields).

36 CFR 2.13 – FIRES

(a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is generally prohibited, except as provided for in the following designated areas and/or receptacles, and under the conditions noted:

Designated Areas:

- Lighting or maintaining open fires is prohibited within park boundaries, except under the following conditions:
 - Barbecues, lanterns and stoves and open flame fires are permitted within the provided contained receptacles, in the designated campgrounds on Floyd Bennett Field.
 - The permanent park grills at the designated areas at Canarsie Pier and Fort Tilden.

Receptacles Allowed:

- Campfire rings in Floyd Bennett Campgrounds.
- Only in permanent park provided grills in the designated areas.

Established Conditions for Fires:

- When wildfire risk conditions are acceptable as per Park Fire Team determination.

(a)(2) The following restrictions are in effect for the use of stoves or lanterns:

- See 36 CFR 2.13 (a)(1)

(b) Fires must be extinguished according to the following conditions:

- All campfire ring fires must be cold to touch, extinguished with water only.
- All charcoal must be placed in barrels marked "charcoal" and/or red in color.

36 CFR §2.14 – SANITATION and REFUSE

(a)(2) The use of government refuse receptacles or facilities for dumping household, commercial or industrial refuse, brought as such from private or municipal property is allowed under the following conditions:

- The dumping of leaves and grass clippings for the purpose of providing raw materials for Floyd Bennett Field's public composting operation may be conducted under Special Use Permit.

(b) Conditions for the disposal, containerization, or carryout of human body waste have been established as follows:

- Disposal of human body waste is limited to provisions made for that purpose in all areas of the park.

36 CFR §2.15 – PETS

(a)(1) The following structures and/or areas are closed to the possession of pets:

- Possession of pets is prohibited at all Riis Park, Fort Tilden and Breezy Point Tip beaches from March 15 through September 15.
- Pets are prohibited at the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge at all times.
- Pets must be leashed throughout the Jamaica Bay Unit at all times.

(a)(3) *Pets may be left unattended and tied to an object in the following areas, under the conditions noted:*

- There are no designated areas for leaving pets unattended and tied to an object, except in employee housing areas.

(a)(5) Pet excrement must be disposed of in accordance with the following conditions:

- Pet excrement must be placed in provided trash receptacles

36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES and PACK ANIMALS

(a) The following animals are designated as pack animals for purposes of transporting equipment:

- As designated in accordance with Special Use Permit

(b) The use of horses or pack animals is allowed on the following trails, routes or areas:

- There are no designated routes, trails or areas for horses or pack animals. Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails at the Jamaica Bay Riding Academy. Exception: Authorized law enforcement horses.

36 CFR §2.17 – AIRCRAFT and AIR DELIVERY

(a)(2) The operation or use of aircraft under power on water within 500 feet of designated swimming beaches, boat docks, piers, or ramps is permitted in the following areas, under the conditions noted:

- As designated in accordance with Special Use Permit

(c)(1) The removal of a downed aircraft, components, or parts thereof is subject to procedures established by the Superintendent through written authorization.

36 CFR §2.18 – SNOWMOBILES

- The use of snowmobiles is prohibited within the Jamaica Bay Unit.

36 CFR §2.19 – WINTER ACTIVITIES

(a) The following park roads and/or parking areas open to motor vehicle traffic may be used for skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating, innertubing, tobogganing, and similar winter activities under the conditions noted:

- Skiing, snowshoeing and other winter activities are permitted in all park areas not designated as closed in 36 CFR 1.5 “Closures”

36 CFR §2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS and SIMILAR DEVICES

The use of roller skates skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles, or similar devices are allowed only in the following areas:

- Paved surfaces within the Jamaica Bay Unit that are not listed as closed in CFR 1.5 “Closures”
- Wind Powered Vehicles may be operated under Special Use Permit on Runway 19 on Floyd Bennett Field.

36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING

(a) The following portions of the park, or all or portions of buildings, structures or facilities are closed to smoking as noted:

- Smoking is prohibited in all park buildings and facilities. Smoking is also prohibited in the following locations at the Wildlife Refuge: West Pond Trail, East and West Garden Areas and East Pond perimeter.

36 CFR §2.22 – PROPERTY

(a)(2) Property may be left unattended for periods longer than 24 hours in the following areas and under the following conditions:

- Disabled or unattended vehicles which remain in park areas during hours of darkness without a permit must be reported to the Park Rangers or U. S. Park Police.

36 CFR §2.35 –ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

(a)(3)(i) The following public use areas, portions of public use areas, and/or public facilities within the park are closed to consumption of alcoholic beverages, and/or to the possession of a bottle, can or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage that is open, or has been opened, or whose seal has been broken or the contents of which have been partially removed:

- Riis Park, except at the official National Park Service concessions, or by Special Use Permit.
- Alcohol is prohibited at organized events larger than 500 people except by Special Use Permit, throughout the Jamaica Bay Unit.

36 CFR §2.38 – EXPLOSIVES

(b) Fireworks and firecrackers may be possessed and/or used in the following areas, under the conditions noted:

- Use, possession, storage or transportation of explosive, blasting agents or explosive materials is prohibited, except by permit.

36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION

(b) A permit is required for the scattering of ashes from cremated human remains.

36 CFR §3.3 – VESSEL PERMITS

Permits are required for the use of a vessel in the following areas:

(a) - Permits are not required for the use and operation of private and commercial vessels.

3.6 - Prohibited Operations

- (a) – The use of personal water craft is prohibited, except in navigable channels.
- (b) - There are no designated locations to launch or recover vessels by trailer within the Jamaica Bay Unit.

36 CFR §3.6 – BOATING OPERATIONS

(d)(1) Vessels may not create a wake or exceed 5 mph in the following areas:

- Within 500 feet of the Gateway Marina, Riis Landing and the United States Park Police dock.

(h) The following areas/sites are designated for the launching or recovery of vessels using a trailer:

- There are no designated locations to launch or recover vessels by trailer within the Jamaica Bay Unit, except under contract with the Gateway Marina Concession.

(i) The following areas/sites are designated for the launching or recovery of vessels propelled by machinery:

- There are no designated locations to launch or recover vessels propelled by machinery. Launching or recovering vessels propelled by machinery is prohibited (including jet skis).
*NOTE: vessels not propelled by machinery (i.e., windsurfing boards, kayaks, etc.) may be hand carried from the designated car-top boat launch at Floyd Bennett Field car top boat ramp, Mill Basin outlet, Plumb Beach, and Aviation Road. Stopping on park roads to unload or launch vessels is prohibited.
- The marsh creeks in Big Egg Marsh and Joco Marsh are closed to motorized vessels.
- Boating on non-tidal waters is prohibited.

36 CFR §3.20 – WATER SKIING

(a) The towing of persons by vessels is allowed in the following areas under the terms and conditions noted:

- There are no designated waters for water skiing within the Jamaica Bay Unit.

36 CFR §3.21 – SWIMMING AND BATHING

(a)(1) The following areas are closed to swimming and bathing:

- All waters within Jamaica Bay, bayside of Breezy Point Tip, and Fort Tilden Beach are closed to swimming.
- The only designated swimming beach in the Unit is Jacob Riis Park during periods of summer operation when and where surf guards are on duty and at the Silver Gull and Breezy Point Surf Club where surf guards are on duty. The remainder of the ocean beaches at Fort Tilden, West Beach and the Breezy Point Tip are unguarded.

(a)(2) The following restrictions apply to all swimming and bathing activities:

- Swimming from vessels to ocean side beaches or swimming from ocean side beaches to vessels is prohibited.

(b) The use of floatation devices, glass containers, kites, or incompatible sporting activities is not permitted on the following swimming beaches, as noted:

- Glass containers throughout the Jamaica Bay Unit.
- Use of flotation devices on all protected beaches.
- Incompatible sporting activities (fishing, Frisbee, ball playing, etc.) on lifeguard protected beaches Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.
- Flying kites on lifeguard protected beaches and shorebird nesting areas Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day while guards are on duty. (10:00am - 6:00pm.)

36 CFR §3.23 – SCUBA AND SNORKELING

(a) SCUBA diving and snorkeling is permitted in the following swimming, docking, and mooring areas under the terms and conditions noted:

- There are no designated Scuba and snorkeling areas within the Jamaica Bay Unit.

36 CFR §3.24 – PERSONAL WATERCRAFT (PWC)

- PWCs are prohibited within the Jamaica Bay Unit except in navigable channels.

36 CFR §4.10 – TRAVEL ON PARK ROADS AND ROUTES

(a) Park roads open for travel by motor vehicle are those indicated below, and/or as indicated in the following publication or document (attached hereto):

- Unless otherwise stated by regulations in 36 CFR Part 4, traffic and the use of vehicles within the Jamaica Bay Unit of Gateway NRA are governed by the New York State Motor Vehicle Law and the New York City Traffic Regulations.

(b) Routes and areas for off-road vehicle use are provided for in section 7. and in section 1.5(a)(2).

- The only designated off-road route within the unit is at the western tip of Breezy Point. Driving off designated roads or areas in other parts of the unit is prohibited except by NPS employees operating government owned vehicles, by Federal, State and local cooperating agencies, and by service and utility vehicles, when it is necessary for the protection, maintenance and operation of park resources and facilities and is authorized by the Superintendent. Designated park roads and areas for the use of vehicles are defined in Appendix A.

(c)(1) Track-laying motor vehicles, or other motor vehicles equipped with a similar traction device may be operated on the following routes under the terms and conditions noted:

- There is no track laying motor vehicle routes designated within the Jamaica Bay Unit of Gateway NRA. Operating track laying equipment is prohibited except under the conditions outlined above in 4.10(b).

36 CFR §4.11 – VEHICLE LOAD, WEIGHT AND SIZE LIMITS

(a) The following load, weight and size limits, which are more restrictive than State law, apply to the roads indicated under the terms and conditions, and/or under permit as noted:

- Load, weight and size restrictions shall be in accordance with New York State and New York City Motor Vehicle Laws. A permit is required to operate vehicles which exceed the designated load, weight and size restrictions.

36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS

(b) The following speed limits are established for the routes/roads indicated:

- Floyd Bennett Field: 25 mph in all areas
- Fort Tilden:
 - a. 15 mph along Shore Road
 - b. 15 mph along Heinzelman Road, Haan Road, and Hero Road
- Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
 - a. 15 mph in parking lot
- Canarsie Pier: 15 mph in all areas
- Jacob Riis Park: 15 mph in parking lots and service roads
- Hamilton Beach: 15 mph along road
- Sand Road and BP Tip Beach Off Road Areas: 10 MPH

36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES

(a) Park roads and parking areas that are closed to bicycle use are listed in section 1.5 of this document.

- Non-motorized bicycle use is permitted on paved park roads and parking areas, as well as designated greenway paths.

(d)(3) Riding a bicycle abreast of another rider is allowed on the following routes:

- Bicycles must keep right but may be ridden abreast of another bicycle when not creating a hazard and/or traffic is not impeded and a solid centerline is not crossed.